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REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 13 and 41 were cancelled and Claim 1 was amended. Claims 1-3, 11-12, 14-21, 30, 31, 34, 36, 37, 39-40, 43-54 are pending. Claims 3, 19, 30, 31, 42-45, 47, 49, 52, and 54 are allowed. Rejoinder of Claims 12, 14-15, 31, 36-37, and 39-40 (Group III in the Restriction Requirement) is requested rejoined upon allowance of these claims. The changes made to the Specification and Claims by the current amendment, including ~~deletions~~ and additions, are shown herein with deletions designated with a strikethrough and additions underlined. No new matter has been added herewith.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 16 and 41 were rejected as being indefinite. However, claims 16 and 41 have been cancelled, rendering the rejection moot.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claim 1 was rejected as being anticipated by Civelli et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,422,265) and Chio et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,468,615) because the Examiner believes that Civelli et al. and Chio et al. discloses a sequence which includes the claimed formula within a larger sequence. However, Claim 1 has been amended to recited "consisting of", thus rendering this rejection moot.

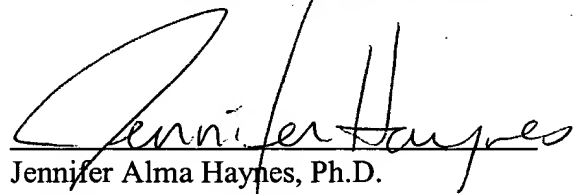
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